

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) ~~The biomaterial of claim 1~~ A synthetic biomaterial comprising:

a bioactive polymer comprised of at least one peptide and/or protein subunit and at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit; and

a biocompatible polymer that is different from said bioactive polymer,

wherein the peptide and/or protein subunit of the bioactive polymer is a cell adhesion peptide, wherein the cell adhesion peptide is dRGD peptide, a YIGSR peptide (SEQ ID NO: 16) or a IVKAV peptide (SEQ ID NO: 20), and the at least one peptide and/or protein subunit is covalently bonded to the at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit, and wherein the biocompatible polymer and the bioactive polymer are a miscible polymer blend.

26. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising:

a bioactive polymer comprised of at least one peptide and/or protein subunit and at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit; and

a biocompatible polymer,

wherein the peptide and/or protein subunit of the bioactive polymer is a cell adhesion peptide and wherein the cell adhesion peptide is dRGD peptide, a YIGSR peptide (SEQ ID NO: 16) or a IVKAV peptide (SEQ ID NO: 20), and the at least one peptide and/or protein subunit is covalently bonded to the at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit and wherein the biocompatible polymer and the bioactive polymer are an immiscible polymer blend.

27. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising:

a bioactive polymer comprised of at least one peptide and/or protein subunit and at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit; and

a biocompatible polymer that is different from said bioactive polymer;

wherein the bioactive polymer and the biocompatible polymer are crosslinked, and the at least one peptide and/or protein subunit is covalently bonded to the at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit.

28 - 29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising a graft polymer of:

- a bioactive polymer comprising a polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit and a peptide and/or protein subunit;

- a biocompatible polymer that is different from said bioactive polymer;

wherein the polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit is covalently bonded to the biocompatible polymer.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising:

- a bioactive polymer consisting of at least one peptide and/or protein subunit and at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit; and

- a biocompatible polymer that is different from said bioactive polymer,

wherein the peptide and/or protein subunit of the bioactive polymer is a cell adhesion peptide and wherein the cell adhesion peptide is a dRGD peptide, YIGSR peptide (SEQ ID NO: 16) or a IVKAV peptide (SEQ ID NO: 20), and the at least peptide and/or protein subunit is covalently bonded to the at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit, and wherein the biocompatible polymer and the bioactive polymer are a miscible polymer blend.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising:

- a bioactive polymer consisting of at least one peptide and/or protein subunit and at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit; and

- a biocompatible polymer that is different from said bioactive polymer;

wherein the bioactive polymer and the biocompatible polymer are crosslinked, and the at least one peptide and/or protein subunit is covalently bonded to the at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit.

35-36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising a graft polymer of:

- a bioactive polymer consisting of a polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit and a peptide and/or protein subunit; and

- a biocompatible polymer that is different from said bioactive polymer;

- wherein the polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit is covalently bonded to the biocompatible polymer.

38. (Previously presented) A synthetic biomaterial comprising:

- a bioactive polymer comprised of at least one peptide and/or protein subunit and at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit; and

- a biocompatible polymer,

- wherein the peptide and/or protein subunit of the bioactive polymer is a cell adhesion peptide and wherein the cell adhesion peptide is a RGD peptide, a dRGD peptide, a YIGSR peptide (SEQ ID NO: 16) or a IVKAV peptide (SEQ ID NO: 20), and the at least one peptide and/or protein subunit is covalently bonded to the at least one polysaccharide and/or proteoglycan subunit, and wherein the biocompatible polymer and the bioactive polymer are an immiscible polymer blend.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously presented) The biomaterial of claim 27, wherein the biocompatible polymer is polystyrene-isobutylene-polystyrene, a polyurethane, an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, a polyolefin elastomer, a polyamide elastomer, or homopolymer or copolymer comprising a monomer such as isobutylene, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, and combinations thereof.

41 - 42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously presented) The biomaterial of claim 30, wherein the biocompatible polymer is polystyrene-isobutylene-polystyrene, a polyurethane, an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, a polyolefin elastomer, a polyamide elastomer, or homopolymer or copolymer comprising a monomer such as isobutylene, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, and combinations thereof.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously presented) The biomaterial of claim 34, wherein the biocompatible polymer is polystyrene-isobutylene-polystyrene, a polyurethane, an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, a polyolefin elastomer, a polyamide elastomer, or homopolymer or copolymer comprising a monomer such as isobutylene, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, and combinations thereof.

46-47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously presented) The biomaterial of claim 37, wherein the biocompatible polymer is polystyrene-isobutylene-polystyrene, a polyurethane, an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, a polyolefin elastomer, a polyamide elastomer, or homopolymer or copolymer comprising a monomer such as isobutylene, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate, and combinations thereof.